Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312

Application No. 09/577,932

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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Amendment under 37 CFR §1.312 amends the drawings in a manner

consistent with the drawing changes proposed in the Request for Approval of Drawing Changes

filed on December 5, 2001. Specifically, Fig. 32B has been amended to change "94a" to --94--

as proposed in the Request for Approval of Drawing Changes.

It is submitted that this amendment should be entered at this time, pursuant to MPEP

§714.16 because (1) it is needed for proper disclosure or protection of the applicants' invention,

and (2) requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office. In

particular, this amendment has already been reviewed and approved by the Examiner.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate

extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect

to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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Replacement Sheet of Fig. 32B

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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWING

Please amend Fig. 32B of the drawings in accordance with the attached Replacement Sheet to change "94a" to --94--. No new matter has been added.